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Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Youth Apprenticeship

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Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Opportunities!

The Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources (AFNR) career cluster involves careers in the planning, implementation, production, management, processing, and/or marketing of agricultural commodities and services. This Youth Apprenticeship (YA) occupational area focuses on three pathways within the Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources industry: Animal Systems, Agribusiness Systems, and Plant Systems.

Agricultural YA students need to possess a strong work ethic and enjoy working with animals or growing plants while working outdoors. Therefore, the AFNR YA program was structured to require **INDUSTRY-WIDE FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS** and **INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC TECHNICAL SKILLS**.

This school-to-work program offers a variety of experiences applicable to a student who has expressed an interest in animals, horticulture, floral design, landscaping, farming, and/or veterinary medicine.

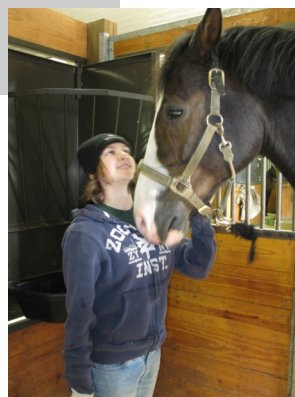
Where can I work?

Worksites for the Agricultural, Food, & Natural Resources (AFNR) YA program are not just restricted to farm settings. Additional worksites could include landscaping businesses, nurseries, greenhouses, floral shops, ranches, veterinary clinics and/or lab animal research centers.

What will I learn?

Agriculture YA students are required to perform all of the Core Employability and Safety skills at the worksite. In addition, Level One (one year) YA students choose additional technical competencies basic to understanding working with plants OR with animals.

In the second year, Level Two YA students will further develop basic skills specific to their worksite setting and area of interest. In the Animal Pathway, YA students may choose to work with large or herd animals, while others may care for small companion or lab research animals. YA students in the Plant Pathway may choose to work with Crops growing food, feed or fiber; in Nurseries and Greenhouse growing decorative plants; or in Landscaping to create and maintain landscaped spaces.



What are the specific Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources (AFNR) Pathway units?

Animal Pathway

Year ONE:

- Animal Basics Unit

YEAR TWO (Choose One):

- Large Animal/Herd Unit
- Small Animal/Vet Assistant Unit

Plants Pathway

Year ONE:

- Plant Basics Unit

Year TWO (Choose One):

- Crops Unit
- Greenhouse/Floral Unit
- Landscaping Unit

The AFNR YA curriculum is aligned with the National States' Career Cluster Knowledge and Skill statements for this Career Cluster

